

Monday: 16/11/20

Luke 15:11-14, 15:16-20

The Son could reflect a physical world of sensual pleasure. A sense of seeking pleasure above all other aspects of life. Only after pleasure turns to pain does the Son wake up to his situation.

To begin with he wanted it all right away. How our modern culture reflects this attitude is starkly and fearfully true. So many have grown with the expectation of instant gratification. They want to be amused without the wait or the commitment.

The Son in the story got what he demanded from his Father and went as far away as he could to find it. Doing just as the world around him told him to do. Never looking beyond the next feeling or experience. Only to end up facing reality.

In my darkest places I know you can find me

Tuesday: 17/11/20

Luke 15:25-30

The Brother could represent those Christians who have the wealth of God and yet live in spiritual poverty. Many enjoy a surface level of their faith. Never delving any deeper. Perhaps in fear of what they might discover.

In some circles this is called sticking to the 'milk' of the scripture and never growing up and tasting the 'meat' of the word of God. To see the top of the mountain a distance. Never daring to climb and see the view from the top. How far are you ready to go to embrace all that God has for you ?

May I seek each day the depth of your Grace

Wednesday: 18/11/20

Luke 15:22

The Servants could be compared to the Angels who serve and watch. Not a great deal is said about the Servants. In some ways we are left to read between the lines. Using our understanding of how social life worked in Jewish culture. Knowing that Servants could be treated fairly or cruelly by their owners. Depending on the character of the owners heart. Thankfully the Father in the story had a heart that reflected the Lords Grace.

We do know that they followed the instructions of the Father and even joined in with the celebration. The Father gave instructions to have a feast and to celebrate. Which the Servants dutifully fulfilled. Loudly enough for the Brother to hear.

I seek to be a servant to my brethren

Thursday: 19/11/20

Luke 15:13-14

The foreign Friends were there while the Son had money; and then were gone. How often have we each met fair weather friends? Those, who are there for the good times but are gone in the bad times, are called 'fair weather' friends.

In my personal walk as a Christian I have met some Christians who have proven to be fair weather. As the modern street talk puts it, they could talk the talk but failed to walk the walk.

Thankfully I have met an abundance of Christians who are faithful and true to enacting the Lords Grace.

In sunlight and storm I pray to be there for you

Friday: 20/11/20

Luke 15:15

The Pig Farmer As pigs were deemed unclean, this would have been the lowest anyone could fall. As for the Farmer, he could be seen as laughing at the Son. To not only end up feeding the pigs, as well as being deemed less important by the Farmer, would not have gone without notice by those listening to Jesus telling the parable

As an analogy, it shows us that no matter how far we fail the Lord we still have the option to return to the Him. But, as the Son recognised, we too must be ready to face the music and admit just how far we have gone astray. Accepting that we are each sinners in need of redemption. That we too live in this foreign land looking for our way back home to God our Father.

We each need to remember we are foreigners

Saturday: 21/11/20

Luke 15:20-24, 15:31 Luke 15:1-6 Luke 15:8-9

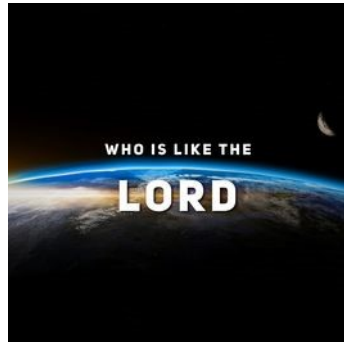
The Father represents Jesus the Christ. As for the parable, it can be matched with the other previous parables on loss and redemption. Where the Father expresses the same joy at finding that which was lost. Rejoicing in the lost return.

He didn't tell his Son that he had regained his lost inheritance. He did though give him a ring to show he was still his loved Son and should still be respected and cared for. He showed him that he was once again in the love and grace of his Father.

We can see how this love reflects the Lords Grace.

In and by Your Grace alone I am Saved

Who is like the Lord



Dreams grow cold and fade away.
While things made by hand stale.
Yet, who is like the Lord?
Whose love will never fail.

Friends may come and go.
While health can slowly decay.
Yet, who is like the Lord?
Who made both night and day.

Time moves into darkness.
And soon we are forgotten.
Yet, who is like the Lord?
God's only Son begotten.

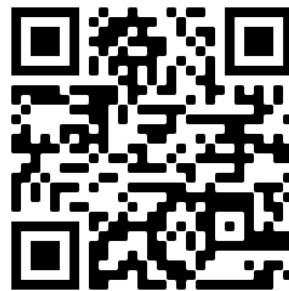
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